



George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum

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JPat Brown
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Dear Mr. Brown:

This letter is in further response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated August 13, 2018 for access to George W. Bush Presidential records pertaining to Brett Kavanaugh. Your request was received by the George W. Bush Library on August 13, 2018.

We previously notified you when we reviewed for release the equivalent of approximately 900,000 pages of textual records on the nomination and appointment of Brett Kavanaugh as Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, textual and email records from Kavanaugh's White House Counsel's Office Files, and records related to his service in the White House Counsel's Office from the White House Office of Records Management. There remain roughly three million pages of records, both textual and email, from Justice Kavanaugh's service as Staff Secretary that are responsive to your request, which are still pending review and the required Presidential Records Act notification.

Given the very high volume of records already reviewed and released in response to your request, please let us know if you would like the Bush Library to continue processing your request or if the interim releases met your information needs and you would like us to close your request. Please let us know in the next 60 calendar days so that we can update our processing queues and proceed accordingly. If you have any questions regarding the handling of your FOIA request, please feel free to contact us.

According to 36 C.F.R. § 1250.26, "should you not answer any correspondence, or should the correspondence be returned as undeliverable, NARA reserves the right to administratively close the FOIA request 60 calendar days after the date of the last correspondence we send." As a result, your case will remain open through September 14, 2019. If we have not received a response by that date, your FOIA request will be closed.

If you consider this response to be a denial of your FOIA request, you may appeal by writing to the Deputy Archivist of the United States, (ATTN: FOIA Appeal Staff), Room 4200, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001. You should explain why you believe this response does not meet the requirements of the FOIA. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "FOIA Appeal." To be considered timely, your appeal must be postmarked or electronically submitted within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter.

If you would like to discuss our response before filing an appeal to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison John Laster for assistance at: Presidential Materials Division, National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room G-7, Washington, DC 20408-0001; email at libraries.foia.liaison@nara.gov; telephone at 202-357-5200; or facsimile at 202-357-5941.

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through our FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman's office, offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. The contact information for OGIS is: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 860I Adelphi Road -- OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you need any further assistance, please contact our staff at 214-346-1557 or gwbush.library@nara.gov. Your FOIA case log number is 2018-0268-F. Please have this number accessible for reference during any future contact concerning this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shannon Jarrett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

SHANNON JARRETT
Supervisory Archivist
George W. Bush Library

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